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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 01-1633-A)

In re Application of: )  
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Storhoff, et al. )  
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Serial No. 10/612,422 ) Examiner Jezia Riley  
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Filed: July 2, 2003 ) Group Art Unit: 1637  
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For: Nanoparticle Polyanion Conjugates and ) Confirmation No. 6581  
Methods of Use Thereof in Detecting )  
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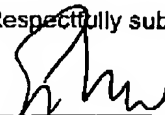
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

- In regard to the above identified application,
1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:
    - a) Response to Office Action dated July 17, 2006;
    - b) Eleventh Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
    - c) U.S. PTO/SB/08b Form; and
    - d) Copy of one (1) cited reference.
  2. With respect to fees:
    - a) No fee is due.
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Respectfully submitted,



Dated: August 15, 2006

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 17, 2006**

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Sir/Madam:

This is in response to the Office action dated July 17, 2006. It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this filing; however, if a further fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 13-2490. In addition, if any extension of time not already accounted for is required, such extension is hereby petitioned for, and it is requested that any fee due for said extension be charged to the above-stated Deposit Account.

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A Remarks section can be found on page 10.